

**Scope of Work
Placer Nature Center
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008**

Introduction:

First 5 Placer will support Placer Nature Center to provide services under Strategic Result Area Improved Child Development (page 14-16) in accordance with the First 5 Placer 2007-2010 Strategic Plan and all First 5 Placer policies. This contract may be renewed annually (2007-2010) based on satisfactory achievement of the outcomes.

Outcome:

- Parents, caregivers, and childcare professionals will incorporate “nature play” and appreciation in their children’s learning experience so that these children view their environment with care, curiosity, and enjoy outside play.

Strategies:

1. Partner with Placer County Office of Education Child Development Services to provide two (2) trainings to childcare professionals and parents/caregivers to share with them the benefits of “nature play” and techniques to implement “nature play” into their own environments.
2. Partner with Head Start and the State Preschools at eleven (11) classes to bring “nature play” and environmental techniques and activities to the children in their care.
3. Provide six (6) Saturday programs throughout the year (seasonal) free of charge for parents/caregivers and their preschool age children at Placer Nature Center to enjoy nature and learn ways to incorporate nature activities into their lives.

Performance Measures:

- Demographics according to the categories mandated in the First 5 Placer Demographic Tool. In addition the following will be required; number of children served directly, the number of children served indirectly and the number of parents/caregivers served.
- The results of a parent/caregiver survey to measure what “nature play” parents/caregivers have incorporated in their children’s lives, along with observations of the effect on their children.
- The results of a teacher/childcare professional survey to measure what “nature play” has been incorporated into the educational environment (e.g., classroom curriculum, displays, library, outdoor time) and observations of the effect on the children in their care.
- Photos and anecdotes/captions that address the outcomes.

First 5 Attribution:

All published program materials relating to the services provided under this agreement will list First 5 Placer as a funding source. All public relations materials such as brochures, posters, flyers and newsletters will include reference to First 5 Placer and include the First 5 Placer logo.

Evaluation:

By state law, the First 5 is required to use outcome-based accountability to determine its expenditures and measure achievement of outcomes (i.e. conditions and/or behaviors) for children prenatal through 5. To assist First 5 Placer to adequately measure the achievement of the

outcomes stated in this contract, Contractor will be responsible for collecting, analyzing and reporting performance measure data to First 5 - Placer. Contractor shall participate in First 5 – Placer Learning Conversations to review and analyze performance measurement data and apply learning to improve services and outcomes. If Contractor does not bring the appropriate data to their learning conversations, payments will be withheld until Contractor provides the required data.

Reporting:

By state law the Commission is required to submit an annual report to the state First 5 Commission. Since the county report to the state is a compilation of the activities of individuals and organizations receiving First 5 funds in Placer County. Contractor will provide any information requested by First 5 Placer to complete and submit the state annual report and also provide reports to the First 5 Placer Commission as requested.

Also, First 5 Placer convenes an annual “Partner Network Outcome Faire” to report to the community. Contractor shall participate in this annual Outcome Faire.